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TORONTONIANS IN PROTEST.-This week thousands of Toronto Jews joined massed protests against the Iraqi hangings. On photo (top, left) Rabbi Dr. N. L. Rabinovitch of Clanton Park Synagogue adresses thousands outside the Associated Hebrew Day School building. At right, a part of the crowd.
Bottom left, the bodies of two Iraqi martyrs, David Ghali, 21, and Heskel Saleh Heskel, 20, on display on Baghdad's "Freedom Square".

OTTAWA DENOUNCES IRAQI GENOCIDE

MOVE TO RESCUE HOSTAGES

CANADA ACTS TO HELP OPPRESSED

CJN exclusive report

The tragic situation of the remnants of the once flourishing Jewish communities of Arab countries is being studied seriously by the Canadian Government. The Cabinet discussed this week the diplomatic negotiations conducted with other friendly governments about the possibility of rescuing the 2,500 Jews from Iraq, hostages of the dictatorial regime there, and also political oponents of other religious persuasions.

In an exclusive statement to The Canadian Jewish News (printed in full on this page), the Hon. Mitchell Sharp, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, stressed both the delicate nature of such initiatives and the fact that the governments of the countries where the potential immigrants live must be convinced to let them go.

Also Jewish organizations were consulted including the Canadian Jewish Congress concerning the situation of these communities.

The Hon. Jean Marchand, Minister of Immigration, is studying the situation to examine the possibility of rescuing the Jews from Iraq and other Arab countries.

● In a special interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Secretary Sharp stated:

● Canada definitely does not consider genocide an internal matter of any country. It concerns all humanity; hence there is a United Nations convention against the practise of genocide.

● It is possible that the fact that the majority at the United Nations did not see it relevant to demand an investigation of the Jewish situation in Arab countries simultaneously with probing the situation of Arabs under Israeli occupation may have worsened the conditions in an Arab country.

Other related developments:

● Canada this week seethed with anger against the Iraqi political murders. Protests were non-sectarian involving Canadians of all faiths.

● A source close to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau authorized The Canadian Jewish News to state that a report in the Christian Science Monitor, allegedly quoting the Prime Minister as having told Egyptian Foreign Minister Riyad that Israel "is an expansionist country", is "pure fabrication".

● Opposition Leader Stanfield and former Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker welcomed Canada's interest in an effort to rescue Jews from certain Arab countries.

● In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, former Foreign Minister Paul Martin said about the present peace efforts in the Middle East:

"The United States and the Soviet Union could help solve the problem."

● President Nasser of Egypt this week reportedly changed his tactic by stating he would discuss an arrangement with Israel directly provided the Israelis evacuate territory occupied during the Six Day War. (See editorial, page 2)

MITCHELL SHARP'S STATEMENT TO THE CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS

Following is the text of an exclusive statement to The Canadian Jewish News by Canadian Jewish News by Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister:

"The Canadian Government has long been concerned about the position of Jewish communities in some Arab countries. I have met with representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress and have received detailed reports of difficulties facing such communities. Recent events in Iraq have brought a new urgency to our considerations and the attitude of our government was clearly expressed in my published statement on January 28 and my statement to the House of Commons on January 29.

The question has now been raised as to the possibility of Canada offering refuge to large numbers of Jews from Arab countries. If arrangements are to be made to allow these persons to leave the Arab countries concerned, the cooperation of the governments of these countries will be required. A guiding principle in dealing with situations of this kind must be, therefore, to ensure that nothing is done to jeopardize or worsen the situation of those whom we are trying to help. We must be careful to direct our attention to measures which are both practical and helpful.

Together with my colleague the Minister of Manpower and Immigration I am conducting an immediate examination of the possible role which Canada might play in the present circumstances."

ITALY CONCERNED ABOUT BIGOTS

Rome (JCNS).- Threatening phone calls to prominent Jewish and non-Jewish personalities, the circulation of antisemitic leaflets, anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish slogans daubed on city walls - all these latest manifestations of a hate campaign were drawn to public attention at a press conference here at the weekend, called by leaders of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities and of the Rome Jewish Community.

"We are neither overestimating nor dramatizing episodes which are not new in Rome and in Italy", Dr. Renzo Levi the vice president of the Union of Italian Jewish communities, stated.

"We ignored them on previous occasions without even notifying the police. This time, however, we consider it our duty to call attention to these anti-Jewish manifestations, because we believe that the situation is today different from that of several years or months ago.

"Our purpose is certainly not that of galvanizing or frightening Jewish public opinion. It is to try to ascertain, with the help of the press, as well as through investigations conducted by political and police authorities, if the insulting slogans and the anonymous threats to qualified representatives of Judaism are once more the squalid expression of solitary individuals hankering for the past, or if they are connected with antisemitic manifestations occurring practically everywhere in Europe.

"In the latter case", said Dr. Levi, "the situation would be grave and would deserve the full attention of Italian public opinion, of the authorities and of the press, which should be mobilized to avoid possible excesses, which in turn would inevitably cause Jewish reactions, hard to control."

Antisemitic incidents in Italy during the last year have ranged from the desecration of Jewish graves and cemeteries in Viareggio, Mantua and Vercelli, to the daubing of antisemitic slogans and the distribution of insulting leaflets and a spate of anonymous telephone calls threatening the lives of Jewish lay and religious leaders, including Rome's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Elio Toaff.

ARABS TO VOTE

Jerusalem (JCNS) - Municipal elections may be held in the occupied territories in a few months' time. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan suggested the idea several months ago but the local population was reluctant to accept it then since this might have given the impression of political collaboration.

While the Arabs in the occupied territories justified cooperation with Israel in such matters as business, employment and education because they regarded it essential, they did not wish to go any further.

Now, however, Hamdi Kenaan, Mayor of Nablus who has been active in contacts with King Hussein, has come out in favor of municipal elections. On the other hand, much depends on the attitude of the Mayor of Hebron, Sheikh Mohammed Jabari, who has led the city for two generations.

Commentary

by M. J. Nurenberger

Trudeau, Cairo: an Arab fantasy

I'm sure Prime Minister Trudeau is grateful to former Prime Minister Diefenbaker for raising the question last week in Parliament about Egypt's Foreign Minister Riyad's curious statement.

On January 9th, the Christian Science Monitor Cairo correspondent reported in a front page story that the "Canadian Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, had recently told him privately that Israel is clearly an 'expansionist' country, and that the Western world must wake up to this before the Middle East 'blows up again'."

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The entire "report" smells of Egyptian propaganda which, in the Middle East, means pro-Soviet agitation. In fact, in this story the Christian Science Monitor, which is known for its "Christian" anti-Israel reporting, quotes an Egyptian as advising Canada to become a second France by joining "the third world". It also blasts the Toronto Jewish community for its influence on Canadian policy. According to this article, pertinently quoted by Mr. Diefenbaker, Egypt supposedly is "non-aligned" as are India and Yugoslavia.

To state on January 9, 1969, that Egypt "is non-aligned"--a country that broke relations with the United States, that had to apologize publicly for accusing Washington in launching the Six Day War--is preposterous and in good tradition of certain "Christian" newspapers among which are prominent the Monitor and the Toronto United Church organ.

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Without a doubt, it is impertinent and in bad taste to "report" what the Prime Minister of Canada supposedly stated "privately" to the Foreign Minister of Egypt. If he had said anything "privately", how did the Christian Science Monitor get the story from the Egyptian government, or was that a deliberate provocation to create dissention among Canadians and obviously induce them to follow France in its silly, adventurous, "neutralist" policy vis-a-vis the United States?

Of course, we live in North America. And while we maintain the solidarity of North America in defense, we are aware of the effort made by Moscow's satellites, including Egypt, to weaken North American alliance and reduce the strength of Canada which, without its friendly, democratic neighbor, would be exposed to the kiss of the Russian bear somewhere along the Pacific.

Every prime minister of Canada knows this as does every foreign minister including Mitchell Sharp; every intelligent Canadian knows it for he would argue rather with the ugly Americans than be embraced by the bear.

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Naturally Prime Minister Trudeau immediately denied in the House this libelous statement of the Christian Science Monitor. Mr. Trudeau did not mince words, calling it a preposterous conclusion. He stated for the record: "I never said anything closely resembling that. My thoughts are not at all along those lines."

In the accepted custom of Canada's bipartisan policy, this statement was welcomed by Conservatives and Liberals. It is the tradition that Canada, as a friend to both the Arabs and the Israelis, would like to see peace in the Middle East for the benefit of the people living there and it hopes for the end of foreign intervention in that sensitive spot.

All the facts about the tragic events

THE TERROR IN IRAQ

By Jacob Gewirtz

THE public hangings in Iraq which have shocked a world inured to the spectacle of suffering humanity in Vietnam and Nigeria, come as no surprise to those acquainted with the tragic history of Iraqi Jewry.

In less than twenty years the world's oldest Jewish community has dwindled from a population of 130,000 to a pitiful remnant of 2,500. In 1948 there were 26 synagogues and some 50 Jewish schools. Today but one synagogue remains open and the schools have been reduced to two.

Under the British Mandate Jews played an important part in the country's economic, social and cultural life. The community, which ante-dated the Arabs themselves and had survived the rise and fall of several empires, blossomed forth under the benign rule of the mandatory power.

Age-old links

Using their age-old links with Jewish merchants in the coastal cities abutting the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean, they built up a flourishing trade that pumped life into the moribund economy. They were also prominent in the professions, the civil service, banking and finance. The first Minister of Finance was a Jew, S. E. Haskail.

In a tolerant atmosphere they assimilated easily, while retaining a benevolent though not too passionate interest in the Jewish revival which was taking place in a remote corner of Western Asia. Little did they realise that the Palestine experiment was to have a profound effect on their own lives.

With the end of the Mandate in 1932 came the backlash of a long-smouldering nationalism. The first to feel the delayed effects of the growing xenophobia was the small Assyrian community which, like the Kurdish minority, had looked forward to the British withdrawal in the mistaken belief that they, too, would gain some measure of independence. The following year saw the massacre of 6,000 Assyrians by the Iraqi army in a bloodbath.

Scourge of nationalism

Jews were to feel the barbed scourge of Arab nationalism in 1941, when a Nazi-inspired *coup d'état* brought the short-lived régime of Rashid Ali to power. In the wake of his accession pogroms broke out in Baghdad, Basra and Mosul in which, according to official figures, 120 Jews lost their lives (although the actual number is believed to have been much higher). Serious outbreaks occurred in 1946 and again in 1947.

But it was the establishment of the State of Israel and the resultant defeat of the invading Arab armies, including the forces of Iraq, that was to bring down the Jewish communal edifice.

With the advent of the war in 1948 a number of Iraqi Jews began surreptitiously to dispose of their belongings and to make their way into neighbouring Persia. Within a year the trickle had grown into a torrent as some 15,000 left the country.

Forced to dispose of their immovables and household effects in a hurry, the departing Jews accepted uneconomical prices for their possessions. Individual Iraqis were waxing fat on Jewish misery and it was at this point that the Government moved in to divert the loot to the public exchequer.

A law was passed in 1949 giving the Jews the right to emigrate. Although 60,000 Jews had registered officially for emigration, by 1950 only 23,000 had succeeded in leaving. The process had to be speeded up. Bomb attacks directed at Jewish quarters in the main population centres encouraged another 40,000 Jews to join the emigration lists.

In the meantime regulations were issued barring Jews from disposing of their assets, a "custodian" of Jewish property was appointed to impound Jewish property and prospective emigrants were stripped of their Iraqi citizenship. This last ignominy resulted in the wholesale dismissal of Jews from their jobs leaving them without property, penniless and unemployed. Hundreds of Jews who tried "illegally" to dispose of their property were languishing in prison. Altogether Jewish assets worth £40 million were impounded.

The situation was desperate when the Jewish Agency took over the job of organising the mass departure of over 100,000 Jews. In "Operation Ali Baba," as the exodus was called, the now destitute exiles were flown to Cyprus and from thence ferried across to Israel.

The Iraqi press clamoured for the expulsion of the rest, but the government had other ideas. The remnant were to be held as hostages. Jews could not leave the country now without official permission. In addition they were deprived of their import licences, the mainstay of their existence. In 1951 new arrests were made amid charges of sabotage, espionage and high treason.

Representations made to the United Nations protesting against these Nuremberg-type laws went unheeded. However, the situation was eased somewhat during the relatively moderate rule of General Kassem which lasted from 1958 to 1963. In 1960 he declared the law stripping Jews of Iraqi citizenship unconstitutional.

But the Baathists, who overthrew Kassem in a bloody coup in 1963, were quick to restore the denaturalisation law—this, despite the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights which guaranteed the rights of citizens freely to leave and return to their countries of origin. A plea to this effect, made by the International League for the Rights of Man, a non-governmental organisation accredited to the United Nations, had gone unanswered by the Iraqi Government; nor has the United Nations seen fit to take any action to ameliorate the suffering of Iraq's persecuted Jews.

Homes searched

Since the Six-Day War, conditions have grown worse, with the arrest of many Jews, house-to-house searches of all Jewish homes, radio and television attacks against Jews, cutting off of telephone services to Jews and other similar measures.

Following the Israeli air attack on Iraqi bases in Jordan last December, thousands of demonstrators, spurred on by the government, marched through the streets of Baghdad vowing revenge. President al-Bakr used the occasion to warn Iraqis of plots against the régime "timed to coincide with the Israeli aggression."

The national hysteria was raised to a feverish pitch by al-Bakr, who told the crowds to keep their "eyes open for saboteurs, spies and enemy agents," closing his peroration with a blood-curdling "What do you want?" "We want spies executed," came the reply from the maddened crowd.

Jews and Arabs who were sentenced to death by an Iraqi military court

The present reign of terror must be seen against the background of turmoil, dissension and economic and political instability in Iraq today.

The régime is isolated as no other since the downfall of Nuri es-Said in 1958. Al Bakr has incurred the wrath of Nasserists, Communists, neo-Baathists and nationalists alike. Internally and externally he is surrounded by enemies.

The Kurdish rebellion is once more moving in high gear and he is involved in disputes with Iran over control of the oil-rich Persian Gulf, with Kuwait, whose vast deposits of oil Iraq has long coveted, with Syria, where the Left-wing Baathists see him as a defector from Baathist socialist principles and with Nasser, many of whose supporters, including the luckless ex-Premier, Abdul Rahman al Bazzaz, have been taken out of circulation.

The arrest of al-Bazzaz, an outspoken nationalist, on charges of participation in a Zionist, imperialist plot, exposes the trials and the barbarous hangings for what they are, a cynical bread and circus exhibition to divert attention from a corrupt, inefficient and bloodthirsty régime.

In 1965 Professor al-Bazzaz, then Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, in a lecture on the subject "The West and Arab Nationalism," deplored what he termed the anti-Arab prejudices of the West. "There exists," he said, "in certain Western circles some religious, cultural and racial fantasies in relation to the Arabs, their way of life, their religion, their morality and their history.

"Zionism in this respect with its world-wide influence, through vested interests, pressure groups and propaganda organs, plays a leading role in disseminating and sometimes even inventing such fantastic and absurd ideas about the Arabs. . . ."

Of one thing Dr. Bazzaz can rest assured as he sits in his lonely cell awaiting the despot's pleasure, no Zionist had any part in weaving the nightmarish fantasy in which he is entwined.

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ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

Q. I am somewhat bewildered by conflicting claims of the credit for the Israeli victory in the Six Day War. Was it due to a divine miracle, the prowess of the Israelis, or what?

A. This touches on the very difficult problem of divine providence and how it can be detected. If an event can be explained by natural causes and the Israeli victory, remarkable though it was, can be so explained - what is added to our understanding by invoking a divine miracle? Moreover, from the religious point of view, does not the suggestion that God intervened in this event carry the unacceptable conclusion that He does not participate in all events? The Biblical insight into this question would appear to be that God is more present in certain events, e.g., the crossing the Red Sea, but then thought needs to be given to what "more" can mean in this connection.

Perhaps the most helpful approach the believer should adopt is to see God at work in the whole process. After all, the believer in God must hold that human skills and human struggle for the right are themselves God-given. In one sense man's recognition of the divine at work is itself part of the miracle. God is "more" present in some events than in others because man acknowledges His presence in them. Israel has to "see the hand of the Lord" (Exodus 14, 31). A good example is the victory of the Maccabees. No doubt it was possible for the unbeliever to explain the great victory as due to a fortuitous combination of natural causes but the Jewish people saw it as the miraculous victory of the "few over the many" and as a tremendous stride forward in the advance of God's truth. On the whole Jewry has admired the prowess and bravery of its heroes but has ascribed the glory to God. As the Psalmist puts it: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy loving kindness and for Thy truth's sake" (Psalm 115, 1).

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Q. How is it that the Jews in India eat rice at Pesach?

A. It is not only the Jews in India who eat rice on Pesach. This is the general Sephardi practice as opposed to the Ashkenazi (see Shulchan Aruch Orach Chayim 453, 1). The Talmud (Pesachim 35a and 114b) rules that rice is permitted on Pesach on the grounds that it never "*comes to the state* of leaven but only to the state of decay", i.e., fermented rice does not fall under the heading of "leaven". The reason for the Ashkenazi prohibition, which originated in the Middle Ages, is to prevent confusion between rice and those species of grain which can become leaven.

French Jewish School

QUEBEC MOVE

The Government of Quebec officially has endorsed the initiative in Montreal to establish French language Jewish day schools. One of these schools, the Sephardic Academy of Montreal, was opened last September and is located temporarily in the Lubavitch Beth Rivka Girls Schools. Approximately two-hundred students are enroled, mostly children of recent newcomers from North Africa and Western Europe whose mother tongue is French and who believe in an integral Jewish education.

(About ten percent of Montreal's Jewry belong to the French speaking community by birth; thousands more are bilingual.)

This initiative of Rabbi Abraham Edery, a graduate of the Lakewood Mesivta, has aroused enthusiasm among French speaking Jews in Montreal who eventually may become the bridge between the Jews and the French speaking people of Quebec.

The Government of Quebec will subsidize the secular curriculum of the school which actually will be bilingual in order to integrate the pupils not only into the French community but into North America as well. It may be a pioneering effort providing a solution for the future. The educational authorities in Quebec also have promised support to obtain proper accommodations for such schools for which there is a potential of close to three-thousand pupils.

It seems that despite inertia in leading Jewish organizations in Quebec a small group of traditional Jews interested in both the preservation of French culture and Jewish heritage have succeeded in winning the sympathy of the provincial government.

Jacques Laurent, Quebec's Commissioner appointed by Education Minister Jean Guy Cardinal, told the leaders of the Sephardic Academy that certainly Quebec will "give you all assistance so that we do not lose twelve-thousand French speaking people."

We repeat, for the record: The Canadian Jewish News has been urging for years such reorganization of the Jewish school system in Quebec, especially our day schools.

Of course, there still will be subjects taught in English in any Montreal Jewish day school, even if French by language and Hebrew in spirit. Yet this new attitude must be adopted more universally. The Sephardic Jews in Montreal, as well as Belgian and French Jews there, ought not become a kind of French speaking Jewish ghetto. They are the link to the greater community of Montreal and Quebec. No matter what the political evolution of La Belle Province culturally Quebec is in the midst of a ferment which will make French the dominant language.

The Jewish community must reorganize completely to meet this challenge so that we do not remain, as we once declared, a ghetto within the Protestant WASP ghetto.

CAIRO'S REAL FACE

EGYPTIAN AGENT TRIED TO POISON GERMAN SCIENTIST

Munich (JCNS) - A 50-year-old West German physicist, who claimed that Israeli secret agents were chasing him, told reporters here last week that he had returned from Egypt to interest a German firm in a "miracle weapon", he had invented.

Hans Ehrhardt, who has been lecturing in electronics in Egypt, said that his "shock-wage gun", could be used against aircraft, tanks and other weapons, but so far only one German firm had agreed to build a prototype for use against locusts.

The scientist, who said he planned to offer his invention to the Bonn Government, alleged that Israeli agents advised him after his arrival in Munich to drop his plans or accept an offer to build an experimental station for his weapon at Tel Aviv.

He had turned down the offer because the Egyptians were paying him for his work in this field.

The scientist then alleged that the day after meeting the Israelis he sat down to a drink with an Egyptian agent on a train taking him home in South Germany.

After the first glass he suddenly felt ill and he collapsed when he reached home. He did not regain consciousness until three days later in hospital.

Doctors told him that he had been poisoned with "sacharan", a dangerous Egyptian drug, which is normally fatal, and that his survival had been "miraculous".

Ehrhardt said that he did not know whether Israeli or Egyptian agents had tried to kill him.

When living in Switzerland some years ago, Ehrhardt was reported to be conducting experiments with lethal light rays based on the laser beam. The local population was reported to be alarmed and he was asked by the authorities to leave the country.

DON'T MAKE PEACE NASSER COUNSELS

Washington (JCNS) President Nasser recently told prominent Palestinians from the West Bank not to make peace with Israel. If the Arabs now had one million refugees, the Jews would wind up eventually with two million refugees, he declared.

This was revealed by Israel's Defense Minister, Moshe Dayan, in conversations with United Jewish Appeal leaders during his recent visit to the United States.

He said that Faduah Toukan of Nablus, a leading woman Arab nationalist, recently visited Nasser in Cairo where she was told that the Egyptian leader would not agree to peace with Israel.

Miss Toukan quoted Nasser as saying that he would not go down in history as the Arab leader who recognized the Jewish State, that he was preparing for war, that the Arabs must be patient and that he would not permit the Palestinians to negotiate with Israel.

Miss Toukan, a poetess, is a niece of Dr. Kadri Toukan, head of a leading Arab family. Another of her uncles served in King Hussein's Government.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

"POSTERITY WILL WONDER"

AFRICAN ZION. By Robert G. Weisbord. Jewish Publication Society. 347 pp. $6.00

"I have lived and worked amongst low class Jews in New York City over twelve months . . . and my experience is that the poor Jew is the worst possible man we could get in this country." McLellan Wilson, the author of this statement, was not referring to England or Palestine when he proferred this generalization about New York Jews; he was talking about what is now Kenya. Almost seventy years ago Joseph Chamberlin offered the Zionist movement a home along the Uganda railroad and Weisbord's book is an excellent account of the reverberation which occured among Jews and non-Jews who bitterly resented the idea that Jews could ever become agriculturists and his denigration of the urban Jew was typical of the abuse which was heaped upon all Jews during that epoch.

The author is very skillful in describing the political manoeuvering which went on during the six and seventh Zionist congresses. The debate over the "Uganada" proposal was to eventually cause the early death of Herzl himself. At the end of his account Weisbord asks rhetorically if the refusal of the Uganda offer might not have also led to the early death of Europe's Jews. Speaking of Jabotinsky's flight over east Africa in the late 1930's Weisbord writes: "his mind turned to the tragic plight of the Jewish masses who were in need of speedy evacuation and had nowhere to go. He wondered if he had been 'just and wise to have rejected thirty-five years before, the chance of salvation' offered by the British government. Posterity, with knowledge of the fate that befell six million Jews, will also wonder."

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HUNTING TIGERS UNDER GLASS. By Mordecai Richler. McClelland and Stewart. 160 pp. $5.95

Richler has brought together a series of eleven essays which have appeared in various journals over the last several years. Among the subjects he discusses are: Canada's Centennial year, the Jews in sport, Norman Mailer, Grossinger's and the great comic book heroes. To each of these themes Richler brings to bear a keen wit and a gift for gentle (occasionally not so gentle) satire. The most disappointing essay in the collection deals with the author's visit to Israel in 1962. Although he has written incisively about Jews living in the diaspora (Montreal in particular) Richler is not able to capture the Israeli scene with the same effectiveness. I hardly think for example that Uri Avnery, whom Richler quotes at some length, is at all typical of Israeli writers.

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CROSSCURRENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. By James P. Warburg. McLelland & Stewart. 244 pp. $8.00

Since 1922 James P. Warburg has written thirty-one books dealing with myriad economic and political problems. Never has he written about Israel or the Zionist movement. This is understandable in view of his personal history. He describes himself as a completely assimilated Jew who is married to a Christian. Being an internationalist he could never see any reason for the creation of a Jewish state. Until Hitler. In the aftermath of the Arab-Israel war of 1967 he decided to write a book about the problems of the Middle East.

Warburg has a lot of history to catch up on. That is not to say that his primer on that turbulent sector is bad; it's just that there is very little in it that is new. In reading his book (which begins in 4000 B.C.E.) I constantly had the feeling of deja vu and in looking at his bibliography I discovered that my premonitions were well founded. Joel Carmichael, Richard Crossman, Christopher Sykes and Jon Kimche have all covered the same terrain as Warburg. Sykes in particular, despite his anti-Zionist animus, shows a lot more insight than Warburg into the political aspects of the Palestine problem in his Crossroads to Israel. One minor point: Warburg says that Nasser mined the straits of Tiran when he took over Sinai. According to sources I have read, this is untrue.

Letters to the Editor

Rabbis Protest

Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned, being the executive board of the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform wings of Judaism, collectively make our voice heard regarding the public hanging of Iraqi Jews and non-Jews.

It is our belief and contention that for the Jews in Arab countries and especially in Iraq, inasmuch as they are confined to a ghetto area, the means of spying does not exist.

Without any reservations whatsoever we protest the death of these Iraqi citizens, and we affirm here and now that they were innocent of all charges.

We attest that the Iraqi's government carried out this action against the Jews of their country what they have been continually threatening to do to the people of Israel.

We believe that the government knew in advance that the charges were untrue. The locked door courtroom atmosphere and the denial of legal counsel and denial of rights to appeal gives additional testimony to our assertions that they were innocent of all charges.

We echo the words of all fairminded people in appealing to all Arab governments to protect the Jews living under their control.

Toronto

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Rabbi Michael Celniker, Beth Torah Congregation, Vice President
Rabbi Bernard A. Silverblatt,
Beth El Congregation of Don Mills, Secretary-Treasurer.

Innocent Nasser

PHONY TEARS

Finally Al Ahram, Cairo's leading newspaper, found some words of criticism of the obnoxious hangings-spectacle on the ancient Baghdad market square. It discovered that it is in bad taste to be festive and dance around bodies swinging from gallows.

Someone in the West must have induced Nasser's paper to play innocent in order that we forget the persecution of the remnants of the Jews in Egypt and Syria. This also would help the world forget how Nasser dealt with his bosom friend, Marshall Amer, following the Six Day War.

So far as we are concerned, if there is a spark of humaneness left in Western society, the ten-thousand Jews lingering in Egypt, Syria and Iraq without hope, these ten-thousand hostages, will be rescued by evacuation. There is no other alternative.

the lively arts

THEATRE
MUSIC
FILM

by D. COHN

* Gina Lolobrigida, now in the United States, says her next project has nothing to do with movies. She plans an archeological expedition to Jordan and the Sudan. "I am financing it with two American oil millionaires. We hope to find the city of gold. This expedition means more to me than a film, especially if the film is a lousy picture. Worried about the possibility of war in the Middle East, she said, "No, I am not political." She'll be armed with a pick-axe and camera.

* Vidal Sassoon charged Mia Farrow ten thousand dollars for the haircut in Rosemary's Baby.

* The love scene played by Alan Arkin and Paula Prentiss in Catch 22 was washed out by rain. The entire location, in Mexico, was washed out. Still director Mike Nichols is three days ahead of schedule.

* "Television is wonderful -- but it is strangling us cinema owners to death, claimed Gavriel Mograbi, owner of the famed Mograbi cinema in Tel Aviv. While conceding that TV is progress, Mograbi added: "We cinema owners also have a right to live. Our position is like that of the icebox which was replaced by the electric refrigerator, or the cart replaced by the car. TV and cinema each has its role to play." The role of TV is to bring the outside world into the home, but the cinema has entertainment for its main task.

* Richard Burton paid $37,000 for the Peregrina pearl as a birthday present for his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, who will be 37 in a few days. Last year he paid $395,000 for the Krupp diamond.

* Barbra Streisand's half-sister, Roslyn Kind, is trying to follow in her footsteps. Barbra's mother remarried eight years after her father died.

Music was the all-important factor in the household. Says Roslyn, "My mother sings in a soprano type voice and I've always been singing in Glee clubs at school and at home.

Barbra left home at 16 to make her way in the world. Roslyn has no such intentions unless it's for tours and appearances.

"At the time Barbra left we lived in Brooklyn," she said. "Now we live on West 58th Street."

Roslyn likes pop music. "It's the young sound right now, little innovations and pop rock. Even if the music is going wild I give it a little pop."

Barbra has encouraged her to take a flyer in entertainment. Ros has been taking dramatic and dancing lessons and already has met her public.

Barbra has not yet caught her sister's act since she is on the West Coast filming On A Clear Day. "But," says Ros, "I think she's happy about this."

* Tel Aviv's Chamber Theater is seeking the status of a municipal enterprise "as soon as possible", particularly in the face of the threat posed by television. In countries where TV had so far been introduced, theater attendance dropped sharply during the first two years. In the cast of the Hebrew repertory theater, this drop might prove fatal, says Yeshayahu Weinberg. No repertory company in the world is able to make ends meet. It already was a "miracle" that the Chamber Theater could manage with only a thirteen percent subsidy from government and public sources.

The Chamber Theater has announced the signing of a merger-agreement with Bamat Hasahkanim. Oded Kotler will serve as artistic director for the group which will continue its separate artistic existence with a core company of eight actors. One of the first plays to be staged by Bamat Hasahkanim under the new merger will be Chekhov's Swansong, with Aharon Meskin of Habimah. It will be directed by his son, Amnon Meskin.

* Paramount Pictures' The Brotherhood, directed by Martin Ritt, includes Kirk Douglas, Alex Cord, Luther Adler and Irene Papas. Locations were in New York City, Palermo (Sicily) and New Jersey. The pictures focuses on the conflict between two brothers, played by Douglas and Cord, who respectively represent the traditional and modern approaches to organized crime.

* Adolph Zukor, founder of Paramount Pictures, was feted last month on his 96th birthday at a luncheon in his honor.

* Arthur Hillor will direct The-Out-Of-Towner, starring Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis.

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DEFINITIONS

Keepsake: something given us by someone we've forgotten.

Kibitzer: a guy with an interferiority complex.

Kidnapping: the short snatches of rest a parent gets when baby sleeps.

Kindred: fear that relatives are coming to stay.

Kiss: a contraction of the mouth due to an enlargement of the heart; what the child gets free, the young man steals and the old man buys.

Knitting: an occupation that gives women something to think about while talking.

ANTICIPATION

A young father, proudly holding his infant son in his arms, was lost in thought as his mind trailed off into a daydream of happy anticipation of a successful future. Suddenly he turned to his wife and said, "You know, dear, I'm going to work hard and some day we will be rich."

His wife quickly replied, "We are already rich, dear. We have each other. Some day maybe we'll have money."

SERMON OF THE WEEK

JUDAISM AGAINST PESSIMISM

Judaism is the religion of optimism. It teaches free will, and is completely against "predestination" and the belief that man is innately evil. It teaches incorruptible justice, and insists that this justice must finally become every day reality, (the messianic age).

In the light of this, it is striking that some of the best known parts of the Bible seem to have a pessimistic tone. Our ancestors complained against Moses and God because there were initial shortages of food and water in the desert. Were our forefathers such pessimists as to believe that the God who just had miraculously redeemed them from slavery could not or would not supply them with mere food?

Ecclesiastes (Kohelet) seems to present an even deeper expression of pessimism than the exodus saga: "Vanity of vanities, saith Solomon, all is vanity."

Based on these passages critics of Judaism have accused us of regarding the plight of man in the universe with callous indifference.

Although it is an overused phrase in polemical defences of Judaism, it must once again be reiterated that 'nothing could be farther from the truth'. To understand our ancestors' complaints in the desert, we, (or our critics), need only turn the Midrash on the passage in question. There we discover that the Jews of the Exodus--never doubted that the God who carried them through a sea on dry land had the ability to provide their daily needs. Their problem lay in the fact that they were not satisfied with this sort of God. Did not every nation and tribe claim to have gods that gave protection to their particular group? The God the Jews awaited, the God who promised Abraham that He would redeem his descendants from Egypt, had to be the universal God of all creation, whose power extended in equal measure over every nation, every heart, every pebble. Only this God deserves human devotion, and if the redeption from Egypt was not brought about by this God, then it becomes merely a folk tale of no great consequence.

To quote the Midrash: "If He is the Lord over all creation as He is Lord over us, we will serve Him. But if not, we will rebel against Him. If He knows what every man thinks, then we will serve Him. Otherwise, we rebel." Thus the Jews continually tested their God until they encountered Him at Sinai, and their doubts were put to rest.

To solve our second problem, that posed by the book of Ecclesiastes, we need not enlist the aid of Midrashim. An objective familiarity with the text suffices to show that Solomon does not condemn the pursuits of life, but only offers a sober demonstration of the fact that the abilities of man very often fall short of deepest aspirations. He therefore cautions men not to adjust their ideals to their capacities, and as a result to pretend that mediocrity is utopia.

The general theme of the book might be expressed as follows: The search for wisdom can be fruitless and hence painful, but still in all it is the most enlightening path a man can follow; when understanding and ability fail man, he must stand in awe of God Who has created so much more than man can comprehend. Man must content himself by observing the commandments and seeking understanding to the best of his ability. In effect, man must be optimistic.

If this is indeed the theme of the book, then why does the author use such strong language in condemnation of the pursuit of wisdom and the creative arts? For instance, he says, "I sought in my heart to lay hold of folly" (Sichloos). He defines folly by going on to say 'I made great works, built houses, planted vineyards, made gardens and orchards, pools of water, had choirs of singers, amassed silver and gold, and have gotten more wisdom than any who preceded me in Jerusalem'.

Is King Solomon confessing that he is a fool?

Would any of his contemporary readers believe he was for having, under his reign, built the temple, and converted Israel into a considerable and highly respected nation, a nation of wisdom, art and prosperity? This would be highly illogical, and even the text precludes this conclusion. For in many places, Solomon reiterates that he never thought of himself as a fool. "While still acquainting my heart with wisdom, I sought to experience folly". Moreover he says "My heart rejoiced in all my labour; I had my portion from all my labour". The inevitable conclusion we must draw is that Ecclesiastes is not Solomon's personal confession at all. The King was satisfied that he had personally chosen to persue the more noble over the baser tasks of life. But from the exaggerated poetic language he uses, we can learn that Solomon felt it requires only a smattering of intelligence to conceive of noble ways of life, while it requires enormous strengh of character to pursue such a life. At a thousand places along the road of that pursuit, a man is tempted to say 'this is far enough, I have done well enough, what I have accomplished is sufficiently fulfilling for man'. Through the personification of the wise King, Ecclesiastes reaches out to encourage man not to 'settle' for the first standard of education, of life, of kindness he reaches; nay, not even for the second or the third plateau. Ecclesiastes condemns that attitude which sees the purpose of man as the conversion of the world into a place of six day's rest and one day's labour. It declares that it is through the six days of work that man defines the true ideal of himself, and that if man will not work, the week will never end, and the Sabbath of human fulfillment will never arrive.

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MISSION GROUP ON WAY TO ISRAEL.-Scene at Malton Airport as members of the 1969 UJA-ISF Study Mission of Toronto check in at ticket counter.

MEET AND CHAT ENROUTE.-Some of the Mission Group of Toronto's UJA-ISF seen chatting while waiting to board the plane taking them to Israel: (left to right) Jack Sherman; Al Mandel; Mrs. Mandel; Mrs. S. Milton Snow; Mr. Snow; Mrs. David Dennis; Mr. Dennis; Mrs. Louis Shainhouse; Mr. Shainhouse.

ATTENDED WORKSHOP.-Campaign leaders of the 1969 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund who recently attended a workshop at the Primrose Club: (left to right) Dr. Gerald Halbert, chairman of the day; Nathan Silver, chairman, 1969 UJA-ISF; Dan Rosenberg, director, Field Services, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Fund, guest speaker; Donald Carr, Q.C., chairman, United Jewish Welfare Fund, who also spoke.

MEMBER OF UJA-ISF MISSION GROUP.-Rabbi Harold Lerner of Toronto's Beth Am Congregation, seen checking in at passenger lounge gate at Toronto International Airport.

WOMEN MEET AND DISCUSS UJA CAMPAIGN.-At an Advance Gifts meeting of the Women's Division of Toronto's 1969 UJA-ISF, at the home of Mrs. Ernest Goodman are, (left to right) Mesdames Mark Gross, Jack Pearlstein, Wolfe Goldstein, Jack Kamin, Harry Solomon, William Gordon, Benjamin Hillman, David Kates.

READY TO BOARD.-Seen checking in prior to boarding plane which will take them to Israel are: (left to right) Mrs. Nathan Silver; Lewis Moses, Mission treasurer; Mrs. Moses; Nathan Silver, chairman, 1969 UJA-ISF, and Mission leader.

JEW SUCCEEDS AGNEW

New York (JCNS).- Thomas Kennedy, a Scottish Presbyterian who knew no Jews, would have been happy last week to have seen, finally, the finest fruit of a seed he planted 142 years ago - the election of a Jew to the governorship of his State, Maryland, the first in the State's 335-year history.

The man elected was Mr. Marvin Mandel. He will fill out the two years of the unexpired term of the Vice President-elect, Mr. Spiro Agnew.

Many Jews have served in various capacities in Maryland since 1827, when Thomas Kennedy put his "Jew Bill' into the State Assembly, which eliminated the requirement that all officeholders must take the oath as Christians. He said he knew no Jews, and had "not the slightest acquaintance" with one, and did not even know whether there were Jews in Maryland, but if there was even only one, "to that one we must do justice".

Mr. Mandel is a quiet, grey haired lawyer from Baltimore, the State's metropolis. In the 16 years he has been in the Legislature, the last six years as Speaker, he has said little but done much in guiding necessary legislation through the lawmaking chamber.

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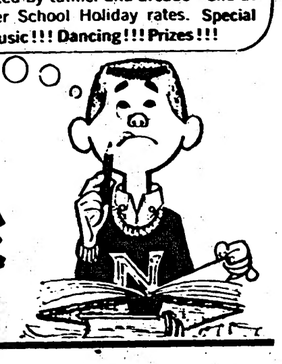

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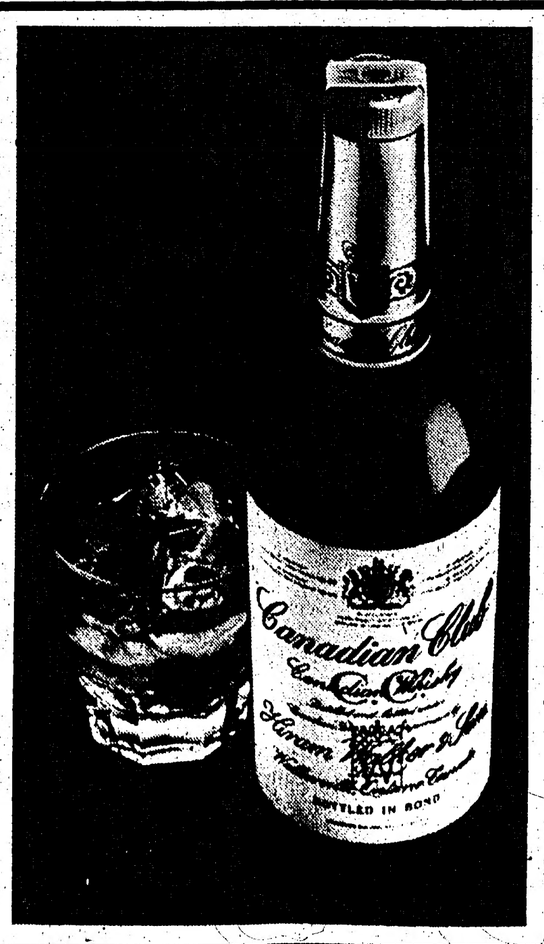

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TORONTO AFTER DARK

SMASHING SUCCESS.-(left to right) Brian Petchey as James, Duke of York, and Joseph Shaw as the famous scientist-philosopher, Isaac Newton, in Bernard Shaw's, In Good King Charles' Golden Days, playing at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater till Sunday, February 16th.

DETROIT'S GAIN, TORONTO'S LOSS.-Cantor Jacob Barkin, one of the world's foremost tenors, who leaves Holy Blossom Temple for Shaarey Zedek Congregation in Detroit, one of the most prestigious Conservative Congregations on the continent, effective in July.

For many years in the concert and operatic field, having succeeded Richard Tucker at the Concord Hotel for six years, having performed at three consecutive Israel Music Festivals and having sung in several world premiere performances of major orchestral and vocal works, Cantor Barkin has returned to his first love—that of conducting cantorial services.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING

Theater Toronto's second production, Bernard Shaw's In Good King Charles' Golden Days, opened at the Royal Alexandra last week to rave notices. The play will continue to run for a month.

Time of the play is 1680; characters are an amalgam of the notables of England in the late Seventeenth Century, from the King's mistress Nell Gwynn to the scientist-philosopher Sir Isaac Newton. The play is, to quote the author, "a true history that never happened" and in this spirit Shaw assembles an unlikely group to banter, jibe and exercise their wits on each other. Production is bright and witty even when examining the most dreary topics such as kingship, religion and science. Truly an evening of humor and fun interlocked with the Shavian ability to treat weighty topics with enough good natured contempt to make them palatable.

RAY BOLGER A HIT

Come Summer, starring Ray Bolger, at O'Keefe Center comes to a successful end tomorrow night.

Scenes, devised by Oliver Smith, are sheer spectacles; costumes, designed by Stanley Simmons, are gorgeous.

Opening Monday night for a two-week run is Mame, one of Broadway's best musicals.

REALLY A RIOT

Riot '69 plays this weekend at Ryerson Theater, making it the 18th presentation. The original cast way-back-when included Rosemary Radcliffe who appears now on CBC's Sunday Morning show.

Riot '69 is one big riot that will be long remembered. The finale has a "happening" that will surprise everyone out of his seat, to say the least.

SMALL FRY ENTHRALLED

Kids, both young and old, are tickled pink by the return performance of Skinny and Fatty, this month at The Colonnade. Not only is the hour-long picture entertaining, but it teaches parents how to encourage their youngsters in tolerance and understanding regardless of ethnic background.

GIVES ROUSING PERFORMANCE.- Douglas Chamberlain, in If I Would, I Could, a new musical revue at the Dell in Toronto.

JAPANESE ART

The Gallery of Fine Art on Eglinton Avenue West is featuring till February 22nd the fine works of Japanese artist, Yo Yoshitome. First showing is tonight.

ANY SHOES, SOMEBODY?

Doug Chamberlain, one of the actors in the revue at The Dell Tavern, If I Would I Could, desperately needs a pair of old shoes, size 9, with holes in the soles. They're for one of the numbers in the revue. If I Would I Could is a new musical revue that opened this week and, according to all indications, may run forever -- two months, at least.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN AT CREST

Soon after the Six Day War, Maestro Leonard Bernstein conducted the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in concert on top of beautiful Mount Scopus. This has been incorporated in a film made in Israel, Road to Jerusalem, which has its debut tonight at the Crest Theater.

THE WHOLE MEGILLA

The Megilla of Itzik Manger, in Yiddish and English, will be performed at Eaton Auditorium, Thursday, February 27th, and Saturday, March 1st -- not on Friday.

The Megilla ran a full year in Israel when Alice Peerce, wife of opera star Jan Peerce, saw the play presented as a witty comedy, fell in love with it and, with the help of producers Zvi Kolitz and Solomon Sagall, brought it to the States where it made its initial presentation in New York. Toronto is another city in its round of tours.

Starring Yiddish veteran actors Pesach Burstein, Lillian Lux and Mike Burstein (husband, wife and son), The Megilla will tickle the funny-bone through some tears.

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Canaan holds fog record

The foggiest, wettest and one of the coldest places in Israel last year was Mount Canaan, in Galilee. It also had more snow that any other Israeli location and tied with central Jerusalem for the hail storm record. Elath continued to be the hottest and driest place in Israel.

These are just some of the varied facts of life in Israel reflected in the 1968 volume of the "Statistical Abstract of Israel" published by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Tel Aviv continues to house the highest percentage of the country's population--29.6. Well over half of Israel's total population, 65.3 per cent, live in towns, 16.9 per cent in urban settlements and 17.8 per cent in the country. Only 3 per cent of the total population live in kibbutzim or kvutzot.

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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

GENERAL MEET

B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood will hold a general meeting this Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bernard Rubin will review, Michel, Michel.

Mrs. Harold Muchnik is president of Sisterhood.

MEMBERSHIP MEET

An open membership meeting of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women of Toronto was held recently at the home of Mrs. Kurt Rothschild for the purpose of forming a new young women's chapter and to integrate new members into other existing chapters. Attending were Mesdames A. Weisblatt, J. Martel, Z. Tanenzopf, I. Singer, D. Schlagbaum, D. Klein, L. Davids, T. Kohn, S. Fordsham, M. Rosenbluth, R. Lederer, L. Spodek, H. Weitz, S. Hollander, M. Shore.

A raffle was won by Mrs. Spodek. Next meeting takes place on Monday at the home of Mrs. R. Lederer; Mrs. M. Rosenbluth will preside.

HELD MEETING

The Hebrew Weston Charitable Services held its general meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Harry Frisch; Mrs. Sidney Freeman, president, presided.

Mrs. Freeman spoke about the Anti-Tuberculosis League Clinics in Israel, sponsored by the Hebrew Weston Charitable Services, which she visited during her recent trip there.

LUNCHEON

Minnie Etlin Chapter, Mizrachi, held a fundraising luncheon recently at the home of Mrs. S. Kates who was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Sydney Seligman. Plans were formulated for the tealess tea to be held on Purim. Mrs. Jack Ross served as treasurer in the absence of Mrs. Philip Tarnow. Mrs. Rose Tarshis presided.

MET

The Women's Auxiliary of Ner Israel Yeshiva College met recently. Mrs. Ann Botnick presided. D'var Torah was delivered by Mrs. Y. Weinberg. Mrs. Adele Mann, chairman of the raffle committee, distributed "passports to Israel". The draw for winner of a trip to Israel will be held at the Torah Fund luncheon in June.

The annual tea will be held next month. Mrs. Sarah Goodman is chairman; patroness convenors--Mesdames Goldwasser and Szydlow.

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HUMAN RELATIONS

The Missing $10

by Dr. Rose Franzblau

QUESTION: I have been friends with a certain girl for eight years. Recently she and two other girl friends helped me celebrate my 16th birthday at my home.

After my friends left my mother discovered that 10 dollars was missing from her wallet. She was positive that the money had been there earlier. My mother and I searched the house for the money, but were unable to locate it.

This friend of mine for over eight years is a terrible liar. Her parents have told me they don't trust her. During the party she was seen walking through the house. The rest of us stayed in one room. This and many other reasons led us to suspect her.

Two days later I told another friend who was at the party what had happened and she said that this girl had taken a dollar from her wallet two months ago.

Do you think I should tell her parents about all this. We all belong to the same church and this girl goes to services regularly. Our minister and director of the youth group think highly of her.

ANSWER: Some people who steal regularly and take things that do not belong to them, do so out of no realistic need.

They need to take, but do not need what they take. Such people feel deprived emotionally, and this goes for grown-ups as well as for youngsters. By stealing or shoplifting they give to themselves the gifts of love they feel are being denied them.

When her parents told you that they didn't trust their own daughter, it may have represented an expression of their great trust in you. But for parents to express such distrust of their own child to her best friend is not only an act of disloyalty, but also a way of isolating the youngster by having all her friends drop her. If this has been their pattern of behavior, then it is understandable why this girl has developed such serious problems.

It is hard for a girl this age to take advice on such matters from a peer. However, a direct confrontation is usually most effective. You could tell her that you know about these episodes, and while not sitting in judgment of her, know that this constitutes a serious problem for which she needs help.

If she listens to you with respect, you might suggest that she talk to her parents and ask that they make psychological help available to her for problems she cannot discuss with them.

BUT, IF SHE FINDS THIS VERY HARD TO DO, YOU could suggest that she talk with her minister, who thinks highly of her, and ask for his advice and guidance as to what to do. She surely knows that he will not hold it against her, nor divulge this confidence to anyone else. With her permission, the minister could suggest to the parents that she could profit greatly from help, that it would bring out the best in her.

You must face the possibility that she may deny the accusations about her lying and stealing, and accuse you of persecuting her. Then, you might say to her that you would not have opened the subject if you didn't care about her, but that if she doesn't care enough about herself to want help, then the friendship cannot continue. You should also make clear to her that you are not rejecting her, but only protecting yourself.

Perhaps, from such a firm and strong stand on your part, she may get the strength to want the help she needs.

RECIPE

Old fashioned cream cake

1-1/2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 cup heavy cream
1-3/4 cups self-rising flour
1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Beat the sugar and eggs together until very thick and pale in color. Fold in the flour alternately with the cream. Stir in the vanilla.

Pour into a greased and floured nine-inch tube pan and bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 300 degrees and bake 30 minutes longer or until done.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES

BROTHERHOOD MEET

Brotherhood of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue will have a breakfast meeting this Sunday morning. Norman Leyton will be special guest.

COUNCIL MEETING

A dinner meeting of the officers and committee chairman of the Toronto Zionist Council was held recently. It was chaired by the Council's treasurer, Marvin Blackstein.

CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

Toronto's Hebrew Club for the Blind is in the midst of its annual membership drive. Meetings take place at the "Y" regularly. Activities include entertainment, picnics, bingo, theater, chess and celebration of all Jewish holidays. Harvey Pactor is president; Michael Silverman, staff advisor.

MOVIE NIGHT

B'nai Israel Beth David Brotherhood is holding a movie night tomorrow.

Nest breakfast meeting of Brotherhood will take place Sunday, February 16th. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Michael Brown who will speak on the topic of hippies.

Joe Feldt is president of Brotherhood.

DELIGHTS AUDIENCES. Loro Farrell, who has a key role in Jacques Brel..., playing at Toronto is Playhouse Theater.

AGUDA CAMP REOPENS

After having ceased operations for several seasons because of fire which destroyed its summer camp facilities, Aguda Israel of Toronto announces the purchase of a new camp site which will be located in the heart of the Muskokas. Mandel Sprachman, Toronto architect, well known in the field of camp design, is arranging the camp layout.

A committee presently is formulating plans for opening this summer.

INNOVATION
by Ruthie

Here's the latest. Soviet housewives who often complain about the small size of their kitchens are being offered as a model of the future an apartment with no kitchen at all.

An experimental project, the information says, is called, House of New Life. It consists of two modernistic 16-storey buildings, on the outskirts of Moscow, now nearing completion, containing 812 apartments. But -- there are no facilities for the housewife to prepare complete meals.

Instead of eating in their apartments, the approximately sixty persons living on each of the thirty residential floors will take their meals in a communal dining room.

Planners of the project say the kitchenless apartments will free Soviet women from having to spend hours waiting in lines at food stores.

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Nu, a glick hutt mir betrosket (luck befell me). It may sound good at first. But live without a kitchen? Think!

You have to be dressed up all the time. What if you want to eat and you don't feel like being fahrpootzt (spruced up), you want to shloomp around in pyjamas or robe? What if you meet someone else raiding the fridge? The idea is all wet before it starts.

And what about your food? I can visualize individual storage bins, locked so you'd always have to carry a key. And if you send your child down to bring up some milk -- you think it'll even listen? So you have reason for another argument to add to the score.

The whole thing reminds me of a kukh alayn (cook alone). That's what you call the kitchen in a small, summer boarding house in the Catskills. You rent a room for the whole family (it's cheaper that way) and use one kitchen with other families.

So what happens? More than once you have to wait to use the stove. Then when you eat, you have to use company manners because you think, what will your neighbor at the next table say about you? And if you're too good with the etiquette, you're afraid they'll call you a snob. So either way you can't win. And you can't even enjoy a good argument in public. Though your ears are all out listening to the other families.

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Aside from that, without a kitchen a woman is lost. You don't have to cook but you need a kitchen.

Even though I have a big house, a kitchen is my oasis. With a radio in every room, I still like the one in the kitchen. It's homey. And my recipes, bills, dues notices, children's school reports, reminders, notes of household expenses, pencils, telephone pad -- everything lines my window sill, even needle and thread for a quickie while the kids eat lunch. I'd be lost without that window. It gives me such a good view of my neighbor's kitchen. She sits there too. Of course, our eyes never meet. After all, it's not nice to peer into someone's house.

And what better place is there for a quick cup of coffee and homemade cake when somebody drops in? The dining room is too formal. On the kitchen table you can spread out and gossip to your heart's content.

I remember Mama's big, old fashioned kitchen. There was, what Papa called a "lunch" (lounge, sofa bed) in it, a big, black leather one where he could snooze a little while Mama and her gang played games on the kitchen table.

You don't have to cook if you don't want to. But a home without a kitchen is like a person without a soul.

Another thing, where will you break plates and let off steam? Where will the kids dump their books after school? Sure, you can yell till you're blue in the face they should put their things away. But they too gravitate towards the kitchen.

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I think I'll remain this side of the Atlantic. It's not that bad where I have to change my philosophy and way of life. And it could always get better. Amen.

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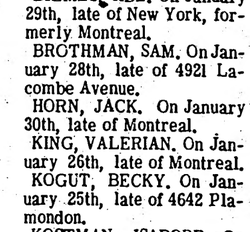
BERNFELD, LEAH. On January 30th, late of 2115 Vincent Street, St. Laurent.
BILMES, ABE. On January 29th, late of New York, formerly Montreal.
BROTHMAN, SAM. On January 28th, late of 4921 Lacombe Avenue.
HORN, JACK. On January 30th, late of Montreal.
KING, VALERIAN. On January 26th, late of Montreal.
KOGUT, BECKY. On January 25th, late of 4642 Plamondon.
KOSTMAN, ISADORE. On January 25th, late of Vancouver, formerly Montreal.
LAMBERSKY, SAM. On January 28th, late of 3881 Linton Avenue.
LUPESCU, V LERIA. On January 24th, late of Montreal.

TORONTO OBITUARIES

GOLD (FRIEBERG), MARY On January 27th, late of 9 Invermay Avenue.
GREENBERG, TESI KLINE On January 29th, late of 23 Wales Avenue.
HARRIS, MILTON. On February 1st, late of 312 Woburn Avenue.
HENNICK, SAMUEL. On January 26th, late of 11 Connaught Street, Oshawa.
JAMES, GUSSIE. On January 27th, late of 15 Shallmar Blvd.
TISHLER, HARRY. On January 30th, late of Winnipeg, formerly Toronto.
WATTERSON, LAWRENCE On January 31st, late of 61 Pelham Park Gardens.



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The above instalments represent an interim billing of 1969 taxes based upon one-half of last year's mill rates. The balance will be billed about the middle of the year and will be payable in another three instalments. This method of billing permits realty taxes being paid in six instalments instead of the former three, and the time now given for payment covers a much longer period.

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The campaign for the Massuah project, Tel Itzhack Israel, now is in full swing with almost one-half its objective obtained to date. The committee is grateful to find that on the whole the cause has evoked great interest and understanding from the general public and that those individuals who are approached for financial contributions respond most generously to the appeal.

It is also gratifying that young people for whom the project is ultimately intended are reacting with sympathy and understanding. Among many letters received is one from Mark Elliott Shapiro, a second year student at University of Toronto, who writes:

"I am very much concerned about my people as a zionist who intends to settle in Israel and as a religious Jew who feels we must not forget, I am sending you a check to help Massuah establish a fitting memorial for our slaughtered brethern."

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The area thus created easily could serve as a fair sized parking lot; consequently, no real passengers as yet being available for this firmly grounded aircraft, the Dutch car factory in Eindhoven, DAF, sent 45 of their passenger cars to take their place inside this 747.

The three dimensional Boeing 747 to be used by KLM will not be fitted with 180 car seats but with 321 Economy and 32 Royal Class seats. Crew will consist of two pilots, one flight engineer, five pursers and stewards and eight stewardesses.

KLM has ordered three Boeing 747's to be delivered in January, February and March, 1971.

Montreal notes

PANEL DISCUSSION
Congregation Beth Aaron held a panel discussion recently. Subject: The Generation Gap -- Can It Be Bridged?

DINNER-DANCE
Menorah Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, held a dinner-dance Monday night.

MUSICALE
The cultural committee, Women's Circle, held a musical evening last Sunday at the Jewish People's School.

HELD MEET
Sisterhood of Shevet Achim Chaverim Kol Yisrael held a meeting last Tuesday night.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
A Jewish Music Festival will be tendered by Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Congregation Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Tifereth Israel on Tuesday evening, February 11th. Guest artists: Miriam Ben-Ezra Denburg; Ben Yisrael Musicians; Cantor Moishe Kaufler; the Karmon Singers. Convener: Mrs. William Zuker.

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